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Billing News & Tips

**You can now download the 2006
MaineCare Member Handbook**

The 2006 MaineCare Member Handbook is available online at the OMS website:
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bms/>.

On the home page, click Member/Consumer. The link to the MaineCare Member Handbook is under "Need information on the MaineCare Program?" You can choose to download the handbook in .doc or in .pdf format.

The handbook is a plain language guide to covered services, benefit packages, and other details. Provider billing and technical information appears on other website pages. ■

Learn More & Talk to Us

**Provider outreach sessions for June
will offer much information for hospitals**

Provider Relations staff from the Office of MaineCare Services will be reaching out to hospitals throughout the state during the month of June. A series of morning and afternoon sessions will allow hospital staff to receive information, provide feedback and ask questions regarding billing basics, new and improving MECMS online tools, and common billing issues.

These sessions will be held at DHHS offices and other facilities to accommodate group meetings. If a group presentation doesn't meet your individual needs, please contact your provider relations specialist.

Two sessions will be held each day: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Please note that outreach sessions in Portland and Orono are repeated on different days.)
Registration is required, and seating is limited.

The schedule is:

⌚ **Caribou**
Thursday, June 8
Caribou Nursing Home
10 Bernadette Street
Caribou, ME 04736

⌚ **Portland**
Tuesday, June 13
Doubletree Hotel
1230 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04102

⌚ **Lewiston**
Wednesday, June 14
DHHS Offices
200 Main Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

⌚ **Waterville**
Tuesday, June 20
Hampton Inn
425 Kennedy Memorial Drive
Waterville, ME 04901

⌚ **Machias**
Wednesday, June 21
DHHS Offices
13 Prescott Drive
Machias, ME 04654

⌚ **Orono**
Thursday, June 22
Black Bear Inn
4 Godfrey Drive
Orono, ME 04473

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🕒 **Portland**
Tuesday, June 27
Doubletree Hotel
1230 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04102

🕒 **Biddeford**
Wednesday, June 28
DHHS Offices
208 Graham Street
Biddeford, ME 04005

🕒 **Orono**
Thursday, June 29
Black Bear Inn
4 Godfrey Drive
Orono, ME 04473

For more information on DHHS Regional Offices, go to:
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/offices/index.html>

To register:

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Please provide:

- The name of the person(s) attending, provider/billing agency name, and phone number/e-mail.
- Location, date, and choice of AM or PM session. ■

Contact Us

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TTY: 1-800-423-4331
Augusta area: 207-624-7539

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Write:

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Office of MaineCare Services
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Augusta, ME 04333-0011

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<http://mailman.informe.org/mailman/listinfo/provider/>

Previous issues of *The MECMS Update*:

http://www.maine.gov/bms/innerthird/mecms_update_for_provider.htm ■